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generating a third current that equals a product of a first constant and a base-emitter voltage of a bipolar transistor;

generating a fourth current that equals a product of a fourth constant and a thermal voltage; and

driving a node with the first, second, third, and fourth currents.

54. The method of claim 53 wherein the first constant equals the second constant.

55. The method of claim 53 wherein driving the node comprises:
sourcing the first and second currents to the node; and
sinking the third and fourth currents from the node.

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 55 are pending in this broadening reissue application.

The Applicants have added new circuit claims 24 – 27 and new method claims 28 – 55 to broaden the scope of protection to their invention.

The Applicants have added no new matter to the reissue application.

In light of the foregoing, original claims 1 – 23 as issued and new claims 24 – 55 are in condition for full allowance, and that action is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, Bryan Santarelli, at (425) 455-5575.

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